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TO: Chief, IO	Attn: []	HEADQUARTERS FILE NO.	
FROM: Chief of Station, []	DATE 10 October 1958		RE: "43-3" - (CHECK "X" ONE)
SUBJECT: DTIDORIC / Operational	[] Luncheon Meeting with Callender October 9th.		MARKED FOR INDEXING
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<p>1. [] had not planned to meet with Callender on this trip but was told by Twiford's successor on 8th October that it would be wise for him to do so. Twiford's successor, an old acquaintance of Callender's, had seen him previously and warned that his state of mind was such that a talk with him would be wise.</p> <p>2. In the course of a long luncheon, Callender displayed his usual self-possession, but beneath the surface it was quite apparent that he was bitterly resentful of the way that he had been treated by FJMACHINE. His resentment is particularly directed against Yarrow and Crittenberger. He has obviously not found any future employment, and he, rightly or wrongly, believes that the rumors that have been circulated since his resignation have much reduced his chances of finding anything in the fields in which he is interested and trained.</p> <p>3. He made the following specific allegations against Crittenberger, Yarrow, Huston and company:</p> <p>A: He claims that Huston, in explaining to the Staff the reasons for Callender's forced resignation, stated that Washington specifically demanded Callender's resignation. This has been separately reported to Callender by six of the individuals who were present at this meeting, all of whom derived a clear impression that unstated "security" reasons were behind the decision. The fact that this allegation has been made by Callender was, of course, previously reported to us by John Hughes, and it is the most serious of the complaints that Callender has to make.</p> <p>B: Callender claims that rumors have circulated and have gotten back to him from the exile community to the effect that there are financial irregularities in the FJMACHINE office in which Callender was, in one way or another, involved. Additionally, these rumors go on to say that Grey subsequently resigned because of his involvement also in these financial irregularities. Callender states that he, himself, was not responsible for the financial irregularities in FJMACHINE and that he took prompt action to determine the real responsibility as soon as these problems were brought to his attention. He says that Grey was in no way involved.</p> <p>C: Callender claims that rumors have also been widely circulated to the effect that he is "a poor administrator". And of course, he denies.</p>			
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<p>4. Callender went on to say that he felt that his reputation had been seriously damaged by the allegations made against him and that he felt in a position where he was forced to take some kind of action in order to clear himself and not leave the impression by silence that he was guilty as charged. He is, therefore, planning to write a letter to Crittenberger, claiming damages and demanding a settlement.</p> <p>5. <input type="checkbox"/> responded to this lengthy and, for Callender, quite emotional, tirade in the following terms:</p> <p>A: Callender must realize that one of the prices of admission paid by those moving into top executive positions in any large organization is the assumption of risk of summary dismissal, and <input type="checkbox"/> reviewed the history of the hiring and firing of senior personnel of the large broadcasting companies in New York. Callender replied by admitting that he had no "right" to a job with FJMACHINE and, in fact, he was not complaining about having been fired, admitting that this was a prerogative that Crittenberger had and was for him to exercise.</p> <p>B: <input type="checkbox"/> pointed out that it was really quite impossible for Callender to effectively dispose of the charge that he had been a "poor administrator". Whether a man is a good or bad administrator is a very subjective kind of judgment, and it certainly was highly unlikely that any legal case for damages could be made on that point. <input type="checkbox"/> added that Callender had had a reputation during his period of service with KUBARK of being consistently late to work and that a long history of such behavior had, in fact, made it quite difficult to defend him in his recent troubles. Callender readily admitted this past history and said that he had understood that this was certainly one of the factors that accounted for the lack of support from Washington he had expected.</p> <p>C: <input type="checkbox"/> stated that on the charge involving allegations of an unfavorable security finding, Callender had the right to ask for clarification and exoneration, and he assured Callender that no such security factor had been a part of the decision made in New York to fire him. <input type="checkbox"/> did point out that there were security factors surrounding any public attempt to bring legal action for damages. Callender replied that in the QKIVORY reply to Fulton Lewis, reference had been made to liaison with the State Department on security matters. He said that this public admission of such liaison gave him a basis on which to press his charges without involving KUBARK. <input type="checkbox"/> again cautioned Callender regarding the sensitivity of the problems we are dealing with, and <input type="checkbox"/> is not sure that Callender will actually pursue his intention to bring legal action. <input type="checkbox"/> suggests that this matter not be raised with Yarrow and Crittenberger at this time, unless they do receive a communication from Callender actually making the charge. However, discussions with the legal staff of KUBARK could be started now as to how such a charge could best be dealt with, and discussions with Yarrow on the problem could await <input type="checkbox"/> return. Incidentally, Callender believes that Huston made the charge on instructions from Yarrow, whom he accuses of having deliberately misled Huston on this point. This is only indicative of Callender's present attitude toward his former boss.</p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> then raised with Callender the various rumors that had reached him regarding Callender's undermining of the emigres confidence in FJMACHINE and the rumor that the French Foreign Office had been similarly exposed to extremely critical views of the new leadership of his former organization. Callender denied any conversations with French officials which might be construed as sabotage, and he also denied carrying on contacts with emigres that involved FJMACHINE operational matters. However, it was clear, from his many remarks made throughout the conversation, that Callender is in contact with a</p>		
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<p>wide circle of emigres, is very well informed as to what is going on in the FJ MACHINE office, and that his emotional bitterness is so deep that, in these contacts, it undoubtedly shows itself.</p>		
<p>7. [] again warned Callender that his own welfare and future employability depended upon his discretion in this difficult situation. [] advised as the best course a clean break with the past and a search for a new job that was in line with his undoubted talents. [] asked, also, for at least neutrality toward Delgado, and, at most, help to him in terms of Callender's influence with the emigres.</p>		
<p>8. One final point: Callender did make a not-so-veiled threat of public exposure of the many faults and weaknesses that he claims to see in QKIVORY. He said that he had been approached by one national publication with a definite offer and had a tentative offer from another one for an article making such an exposure. [] expressed incredulity that Callender could consider such a course of action in view of the national interest involved, and Callender appeared to back away from the idea. [] does not believe he will, in fact, pursue it, but the case for legal damages is another matter.</p>		
<p>9. It might be added that, both in his conversation with [] and in his conversation with Twiford's successor, Callender made it clear that he has a high regard for KUBARK personnel, and his resentment does not lie in that direction.</p>		
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